



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

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CITY TO HOLD EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY EVENT ON SATURDAY

The Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Michiana Earth Day Resource Center, Tree Board Advisory Council, and Indiana-Michigan Power (AEP), will host an Earth Day and Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm at Howard Park, 219 S. St. Louis Blvd.

Beginning at 10 am, AEP will give away 155 trees including Dogwoods, Canada Red Chokecherry, and Ivory Silk Lilac Trees, to residents. Trees are given on a first-come, first-served basis, and recipients must be able to transport the trees. City Forester Brent Thompson will provide tips on where and how to best plant the trees, and how to care for them. There will also be a free seeds and plant exchange, ecology activities for kids, and live music.

At 11 am, Mayor Pete Buttigieg will be on hand as a proclamation is read declaring South Bend an official Tree City USA.

“Earth Day and Arbor Day, April 22 and 24, respectively, were established to help promote public education regarding the environment,” Mayor Buttigieg says. “Thanks to our Parks and Recreation Department and committed local organizations, the City is able to participate in way that makes a tangible, positive contribution to the community.”

This marks the City’s 27th annual Earth Day celebration, and the 17th year that South Bend has held the designation as a Tree City USA.

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